

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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The problem solved by the present invention is to migrate a manufacturing process from an existing operation to a Web-based CTO operation where customer orders will be taken from the Internet. As the CTO operation will eliminate the MTM inventory, the emphasis will be shifted to the components, or "building blocks", which will still follow the build-to-plan scheme, due to their long leadtimes, and hence still require inventory. The solution involves an inventory-service trade-off of the new CTO system, with resulting ~~the~~ performance gains, in terms of reduced inventory cost and increased service level. There are other benefits: There will be better forecast accuracy through parts commonality and risk-pooling. Customer demand is expected to increase, as orders will no longer be confined within a restricted set of pre-configured MTMs.